

NM EQIP FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands - Lordsburg F.O.

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____
 Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants - 60 Potential Points (25% of Total)

If using this method of evaluation use stocking rate based on MLRA, etc. <u>OR</u> stocking rate for irrigated lands. Do not use both		% Area in Contract Before Treatment		% Area in Contract After Treatment	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Grazing Plan	Intensive Rotation				20		
	Seasonal Use				10		
	Continuous Use				0		
Deferrment Period	>90% of Growing Season				20		
	51-90% of Growing Season				15		
	26-50% of Growing Season				10		
	0-25% of Growing Season				5		
Stocking Rate Based On: MLRA 42 SITE Hills Sl: 26-50	11.1+	Acres/ 1 AUM			20		
	10.1 to 11	Acres/ 1 AUM			15		
	8.6 to 10	Acres/ 1 AUM			10		
	7 to 8.5	Acres/ 1 AUM			5		
(Irr Lands) Stocking Rate Based on Soils Data & Ag Tech Note 41	8.1+	AUM's/Acre			20		
	6.1-8	AUM's/Acre			15		
	4.1-6	AUM's/Acre			10		
	4 or less	AUM's/Acre			5		
1. Plants					Total:		

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 165 Potential Points (65% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.	Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Soil Erosion - Sheet and Rill			
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)	15		
Fencing (382)	10		
Brush Management (314)	7		
Erosion Control - Diversion (362), Grade Stab. Struct. (410), Stream Habitat Imp. & Mgmt. (395)/(580)	3		
Range Planting (550)	1		
Water Quantity - Restricted Capacity from Sediment Deposition			
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)	15		
Brush Management (314)	7		
Prescribed Burn (338)	7		
Erosion Control - Diversion (362), Grade Stab. Struct. (410), Stream Habitat Imp. & Mgmt. (395)/(580)	3		
Water Quality - Surface Water Contaminants			
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)	15		
Fencing (382)	10		
Brush Management (314)	7		
Erosion Control - Diversion (362), Grade Stab. Struct. (410), Stream Habitat Imp. & Mgmt. (395)/(580)	3		
Plants - Condition - Productivity			
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)	15		
Fencing (382)	10		
Brush Management (314)	7		
Prescribed Burn (338)	7		
Erosion Control - Diversion (362), Grade Stab. Struct. (410), Stream Habitat Imp. & Mgmt. (395)/(580)	3		
Range Planting (550)	1		
Animals - Habitat - Food, Cover, or Shelter			
Water Distribution - L/S Well (642), Pumping Plant (533), Pipeline (516), Trough (614)	15		
Fencing (382)	10		
Brush Management (314)	7		
Prescribed Burn (338)	7		
Range Planting (550)	1		
2. Conservation Practice Selection	Total:		

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3. Other Considerations - 25 Potential Points (10% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (List the species impacted)	5	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	5	0	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5	0	
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA	5	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:	0	

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 _____ Section 2 _____ Section 3 _____ Total for Worksheet _____ *

***A minimum of 40 total points must be earned to be considered for contract selection.**

Designated Conservationist

Date